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together by accident when on July 4 a number of 5-story hives were blown over during a heavy thunderstorm. The reassembly of these hives was performed hurriedly under difficult circumstances: The bees did not tolerate peaceful handling after their upset, and they maintained that kind of a mood for several days. Consequently, this resulted in a mix-up of brood chambers and supers

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Needless to say, they are now safely separated on two different stands. It is the unusual things we may encounter in beekeeping that makes it so fascinating.

K. Bosch  
 Haileybury, Ontario

## THE CLASSROOM —

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the problem with the broken cover is, but it sounds like the combs below have been attached to the cover so that when you try to pry up the cover, the



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combs pull up, too, thus exposing the brood. We assume the bees go through the broken cover to get into the super above it. Are the combs below the cover in frames or are they naturally built combs hanging from the cover? We would like for you to give us more details about your problem and we will do our best to suggest what can be done. Otherwise, we will just be guessing.

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